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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to very good. Supplies were barely adequate to close, instances tight in spot locations. Breaking stock offerings were light to fully adequate for the quiet to moderate demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal to reduced.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to close.

EXTRA LARGE	44-54	45-51	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly
LARGE	43-53	44-47	
MEDIUM	30-40	32-35	
			LARGE 41-49 44
			MEDIUM 31-36 34
			SMALL 8-12

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was full steady to firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were barely adequate to instances tight for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for normal processing schedules. Light type hens were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-66	52-55
LARGE	45-59	50-54
MEDIUM	32-45	37-39

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged but trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was quiet with offerings in a full range of light to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to at times over-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54.5-63	56-59
LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
MEDIUM	37.5-46	39-42

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all weights. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Retail demand continued moderate to very good. Supplies were barely sufficient to at times tight for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were generally normal. Spent hens were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-58	52-55
LARGE	46-56	50-53
MEDIUM	32-44	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady. Demand in all channels ranged moderate to good. Supplies were barely adequate to tight for present needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	73-77
LARGE	71-75
MEDIUM	60-64

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged but trending higher. The trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand was still moderate to very good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were in balance to close.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-57	51-53
LARGE	48-56	49-52
MEDIUM	39-46	40-42

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 15-16 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 18 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand good. Offerings short.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 16 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, and 18 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand exceeded available offerings. Small benchmark price 53. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99; smaller outlets-extra large dozen 69-89.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	107
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	86
MEDIUM	73

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	77-96
EXTRA LARGE	75-83
LARGE	73-76
MEDIUM	60-63

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-205

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Demand was quiet with offerings in a full range of light to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time with few off-line operations working additional hours. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-32	30-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20	17-19
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged but trending higher. The trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand was still moderate to very good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were in balance to close.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-32	28-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-21	15-19
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 15-JAN-05

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)						
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,248,943	29,882	12,296	6,559	3,559	4,437
PW	1,288,751	30,741	12,491	6,750	3,395	4,561
LY	1,121,425	26,135	11,028	6,108	2,619	4,155
% CHG PWK	-3	-3	-2	-3	5	-3
% CHG LY	11	14	11	7	36	7
2005	2,537,694	60,624	24,788	13,309	6,955	8,998
2004	2,287,802	54,577	21,693	12,119	5,444	8,312
% CHG YTD	11	11	14	10	28	8

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.58	42.32	42.29
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.02	38.78	38.59

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 42 to 44.5 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady for whole egg and whites and steady to cautiously steady for yolk. Offerings were fully adequate for all liquid products. Demand was mixed, mostly moderate at best with discounting usually required to encourage whole egg movement. Many observers reported concern over future yolk demand. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	25	22-27.5	24.28	-1.80
WHITES	14	22-24	23.43	-.57
YOLKS	17	45-47	46.06	-.80

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on salt yolks, unchanged to lower on sugar yolks and whites, but unchanged to higher on whole when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks and whites and steadier on whole. Supplies were balanced to available for trade needs. Demand was light to occasionally moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 15-Jan-2005 were 2% less than the previous week, and 2% less than last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	34-40	35-39	43-47
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		58-70
WHITES	35-43	38-42	44-49
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-60	54-57	61-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-56	52-55	58-63

(/) - whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and white prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with sugared and salted yolk unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg and steady for the balance of products. Demand continued seasonally light to moderate for all frozen products while offerings were usually adequate to available. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

wholesale selling prices (cents per lb in 30 lb containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	36-40	36-37
WHITES	38-42	40
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	55-57
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	53-54

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 1/15 was 20% more than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	42-45
WHITES	44-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-62

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged on whole and blends, but lower on yolks and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were reported as sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady on yolks, usually steady on whole, and generally barely steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 15-Jan-2005 were 5% more than the previous week, and 36% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 28% higher than a year earlier.

wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.40-1.70	MOSTLY 1.43-1.50
YOLKS	1.32-1.50	MOSTLY 1.33-1.39
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.40-2.85	MOSTLY 2.50-2.65
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.30-1.70	MOSTLY 1.35-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN. 14, 2005-JAN. 20, 2005**CURRENT LOADS** 124.75**FUTURE LOADS** 116.50**TOTAL LOADS** 241.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	40.50	43.63	40.63	42.17	43.62	47.00	51.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	41.00	44.50	7.00
GNR W 3	—	—	25.50	27.00	38.67	41.00	7.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W J	—	—	67.50	69.00	—	60.00	3.00
GL W XL	55.00	58.71	53.14	53.32	52.38	51.00	44.00
GL W LG	54.00	56.25	48.75	50.00	50.78	49.20	84.75
GL W MD	—	—	—	49.00	39.70	43.36	11.75
GL W SM	24.71	27.07	22.00	24.00	22.00	25.00	7.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR MD	26.00	28.50	—	—	—	—	.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	31.00	26.61	29.07	51.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	3.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	48.88	—	—	—	—	18.00
GNR W 2	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	55.13	82.00	71.67	—	66.63	20.00
GL W LG	60.00	60.21	79.00	71.40	—	63.62	65.25
GL W MD	45.00	—	—	—	—	49.67	11.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens generally sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

4-9 6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of finished product were fair. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand fairly good to instances good. Bookings into some operations were heavier than last week. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

0-7 4-5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	53.50	52.00	38.00
SOUTHEAST	53.50	51.50	39.00
MIDWEST	48.00	45.50	33.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	57.50	54.50	40.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	53.33	51.03	37.86

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for both light and heavy canners with most supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were adequate to about adequate and well cleared. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

28-32 MAJORITY 28-30

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

29-34 MAJORITY 30-34

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 08-JAN-05

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,471	1,483	2,954
Last Week	1,345	1,287	2,632
Same week yr ago	1,258	1,312	2,570
To-date/2005	1,471	1,483	2,954
To-date/2004	1,258	1,312	2,570

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	301	0	301
Last Week	127	0	127
Same week yr ago	343	0	343
To-date/2005	301	0	301
To-date/2004	343	0	343

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,772	1,483	3,255
Last Week	1,472	1,287	2,759
Same week yr ago	1,601	1,312	2,913
To-date/2005	1,772	1,483	3,255
To-date/2004	1,601	1,312	2,913

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INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE**U.S. EXPORTS TO CANADA, IN POUNDS (000) (PRELIMINARY)**

Week Ending January 01, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	2,320	90	20,746	17,079
Frozen	0	0	39	96
Dried	40	0	953	591
Total	2,360	90	21,738	17,766

U.S. IMPORTS FROM CANADA, IN POUNDS (000) (PRELIMINARY)

Week Ending January 01, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	26	36	7,715	5,207
Frozen	4	0	1,612	3,706
Dried	0	0	2,149	1,251
Total	30	36	11,476	10,164

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS**U.S. EXPORTS TO CANADA, IN 30-DOZEN CASES (PRELIMINARY)**

Week Ending January 01, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Jumbo	0	0	392	655
Extra Large	2,100	1,110	234,666	45,718
Large	2,320	3,055	477,943	156,562
Medium	750	1,623	142,841	68,297
Ungraded	0	0	340,611	184,952
Misc	0	0	17,740	14,222
Total	5,170	5,788	1,214,193	470,406

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-JAN-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
Atlanta	29.9	27.0	11	6
Boston	3.5	3.0	17	0
Chicago	73.1	76.5	-4	31
Detroit	23.6	25.5	-7	-11
Kansas City	4.4	8.6	-49	-50
Los Angeles	105.2	106.7	-1	10
New Orleans	7.2	7.7	-6	-28
New York	35.2	29.8	18	12
St. Louis	19.5	16.8	16	13
San Francisco	20.7	24.3	-15	-14
Total	322.3	325.9	-1	7
4 Week Moving Avg.	318.6			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 15-JAN-05	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	243.2	1	4
East North Central	621.9	19	8
West North Central	293.2	9	-1
South Atlantic	219.1	-1	4
South Central	67.0	0	-4
West	192.8	-5	0
Total	1,637.2	8	4
Matched plants reporting		86	85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Processed other		
	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM 01/17/05	3,564	69,173	45,962
AM 01/01/05	3,427	59,916	54,376
CHG	137	9,257	-8,414
PCT CHG	4%	15%	-15%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

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PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	103	100	74	45
	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	98-102	95-99	69-73	38-42
	100-101	97-98	71-72	40-41
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	106-110	103-107	77-81	44-48
	106	103	77	44
VERMONT MOSTLY	106-108	103-108	75-77	-
	106	103	77	-

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 15-JAN-05

(PRELIMINARY)

	LIGHT HENS	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY HEAVY HENS —————THOUSANDS—————	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,625	1,219	2,844
Last Week	1,471	1,483	2,954
Same week yr ago	1,526	1,278	2,804
To-date/2005	3,096	2,702	5,798
To-date/2004	2,784	2,590	5,374

	LIGHT HENS	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA HEAVY HENS —————THOUSANDS—————	TOTAL HENS
Head	428	0	428
Last Week	301	0	301
Same week yr ago	346	0	346
To-date/2005	729	0	729
To-date/2004	689	0	689

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

	LIGHT HENS	TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA HEAVY HENS —————THOUSANDS—————	TOTAL HENS
Head	2,053	1,219	3,272
Last Week	1,772	1,483	3,255
Same week yr ago	1,872	1,278	3,150
To-date/2005	3,825	2,702	6,527
To-date/2004	3,473	2,590	6,063

SOURCE: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch